

## **Notice of Public Hearing**

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**State of Nevada**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that a public hearing regarding the proposed modification of Authorization to Apply Domestic Septage (Permit) NEV2002516 for the land application of domestic septage and grease trap material at the Circle Bar N Ranch, has been scheduled for 6:00 P.M. January 6, 2004 at the Yerington City Hall, 102 S. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada.

Public notice for the draft permit modification was published September 26, 2003 in the Mason Valley News and the Reno Gazette-Journal. The Administrator has determined that there is sufficient public interest in this draft permit modification to warrant a public hearing.

The Applicant for the modification of Permit NEV2002516 is:

Merriwether's Pit Stop Pots and Septic Service  
Bill and Sherri Merriwether  
P.O. Box 114  
Yerington, Nevada 89447

The Applicant proposes to modify the permit to include land application of up to 1,000 gallons per day, 30-day average discharge, of domestic septage and grease trap material to fifty acres of nutrient deficient agricultural land at the Circle Bar N Ranch, approximately 6,500 feet north of Highway 95A, west of the intersection of Tucker Lane and Densmore Lane, Yerington, Lyon County, Nevada. The Applicant also proposes to accept domestic septage and grease trap material from Easy Rooter Plumbing and to store up to 22,500 gallons of septage at this site. Domestic septage and grease trap material must be incorporated into the soil within six hours of land application. The rate of land application will be limited by the nitrogen uptake rate of the crop grown, currently planned to be rye, barley, or wheat. The Applicant is permitted for these activities at the Moreda Dairy, approximately 5 miles southwest of Wabuska, Lyon County, Nevada. The proposed permit modification will not extend the January 6, 2008 permit expiration date.

Members of the public wishing to comment upon the proposed permit modification and/or to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the modified permit are invited to attend the meeting and provide comments and information that are pertinent to the permit modification. Comments not related to water quality issues cannot be considered. The Division may set a five-minute time limit for oral statements based on the number of people in attendance who would like to comment. Comments must also be submitted in writing to be addressed in the Notice of Decision. Comments and information may be submitted by interested persons through the close of the hearing.

Comments and information submitted to the Division, other than those to be presented at the hearing, must be received by 5:00 P.M. January 6, 2004, at the following address:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 129  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

All comments and information received in writing during the public hearing will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit modification.

The application and all documents subsequent thereto are on file at the Division's office in Carson City and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 239.010 and NRS 445A.665. For additional information please contact Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423, or at [bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov).